**Increase in transaction cost of Shrimp to US market**

1651. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether shrimp export market faces major problems due to the huge increase in transaction cost of shrimp to US market and the adverse climatic conditions to stock shrimp seeds in farms;

(b) if so ,the steps taken to resolve the above problems as on date;and

(c) the total export of Shrimp to various countries and the foreign exchange received for the last three years, country-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) On account of anti-dumping duty and the related customs security bond requirement imposed by the US Customs, the cost of exporting Shrimp to the USA has gone up. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) have been defending the interests of Indian Shrimp industry. There are no serious adverse climatic conditions to stock Shrimp seeds in farms.

(c) As per the export figures compiled by MPEDA, on the basis of shipping bills and invoices, the export of frozen Shrimp to the major importing countries during the last three years were as follows:

(Quantity in Tons. Value in US $ Million)

| Country | 2002-03 Quantity | | 2003-04 | | 2004-05 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Value | | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| USA | 48575 | 393.92 | 40034 | 327.52 | 34020 | 301.55 |
| European Union | 31561 | 154.12 | 35384 | 181.08 | 44563 | 237.51 |
| Japan | 31410 | 260.33 | 29107 | 212.72 | 27829 | 206.89 |
| China | 3157 | 12.37 | 4314 | 21.00 | 2842 | 12.03 |
| Total exports from the country | 134815 | 953.44 | 129768 | 876.64 | 138085 | 938.41 |